# THE FIRST 25 YEARS (1922-1947)

On the afternoon of Christmas Day 1921, Dr. John Watchorn, then Secretary of the Philadelphia Church Extension Society, conducted the first service of the **Springfield Community Church – Methodist Episcopal** in the old Central School on Saxer Avenue. Nineteen were present.



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The official beginning of the Springfield Community Church Methodist Episcopal was Sunday, **February 19, 1922** when C. W. Hansen, District Superintendent, visited and began the work of establishing a local church organization by taking into membership 14 charter members. Subsequent anniversaries have been based on the official beginning year of 1922.





Rebecca and John Calder

John and Rebecca Calder Frank and Margaret Carr Alice Churchman Thomas and Elma Hurlock George and Bessie Kurtz

Emma K. Mason Raymond and Stella Sheetz Mrs. Joseph W. Sloan Mrs. Clara Wintermate

Beginning in 1922, Rebecca Calder was the Vice President of the Ladies Aid Society and John Calder was the first Church School Superintendent and Secretary of the first Board of Trustees.

The church continued to meet at the old Central School until 1924. **Harry P. Gentry**, a lay preacher (1922-1928), was appointed the minister of the church at an annual salary of \$1,000. Mrs. Raymond Sheetz (Stella) organized and directed a choir of 12 members.



Stella Sheetz

After two years of canvassing for financial support, on April 13,

1924, ground was broken at a site at Saxer Avenue and Springfield Road. Just eight months after ground breaking services were held, the new building was consecrated. On December 7, 1924 an organ recital, played on the new Estey Reed Organ preceded the service. The church membership was over 150 and the Sunday School had an attendance of about 250.



At the August 24th corner stone laying, Mr. Thomas S. Hurlock, President of the Board of Trustees, read the list of articles placed in a copper box, which included: a Bible, an American flag; list of church members; list of contributors to the building fund, names of Board of Trustees; circulars and programs used at "Ground Breaking" and "Cornerstone Services"; three weekly newspapers in Springfield and the Sunday church notice pages in all the Philadelphia papers. The copper box has survived but not the contents.

"O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together"	ORDER OF SERVICE
	Organ Recital—By George Y, Belcher, Philadelphia. (Mr. Belcher comes by courtesy of the Estey Company):
	"March of the Priests"
	"Traumeri
	Hymn 661—By the Congregation:
"DedicationService"	Come, O thou God of Grace, Dwell in this holy place,     Be in each song of praise       Een now descendi     Which here Thy people raise       This temple, reared to Thee, O may it ever be     Let every anthem rise       Filled with Thy majesty, Till time shall endi     To Thy blest, name!
of NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY HOUSE	Speak, O eternal Lord, Out of Thy living word, O give success! Do Thou the truth impart Unto each waiting heart, Source of all strength thou art, Thy gospel bless.
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SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH . (Methodist episcopal)	Introductory Remarks by Our Pastor—Rev. Harry Pollard Gentry. Invocation—Rev. W. C. Kilpatrick, Rector, Protestant Episcopal Church of the
SPRINGFIELD ROAD AND SAXER AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, DELAWARE COUNTY, PA.	Redeemer, Springfield.
SUNDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER SEVENTH	Anthem—"I Will Feed My Flock," Simper—By Choir of Springfield Commu- nity Church.
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<b>8</b> 0	Address—"Our Community Church and Its Real Significance to Springfield"— Warren Carter, Chairman of Building Committee.
"A House of Prayer and Christian Friendship for all people! A Church with an Inter-Denominational Spirit. You will find a Christian welcome."	Solo—"Great Peace Have They," Rogers—Mrs. Edna Mumford.
Rev. Harry Pollard Gentry, Pastor. "At your service." 6038 Walker Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Phone, Frankford 1467-W.	Remarks—Rev. W. A. Ferguson, D.D., Superintendent, Missionary and Church Extension District, Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia.
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Hymn 666—By the Congregation:	1
We rear not a temple like Judah's of. old,	
. Whose portals were marble, whose vaultings were gold;	
No incense is lighted, no victims are slain,	
No monarch kneels praying to hallow the tane.	
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More simple and lowly the walls that we raise,	1961 N
And humbler the pomp of procession and praise,	
Where the heart is the altar, whence incense shall roll, Board of Trustees	
And Messiah the King Who shall pray for the soul. THOMAS S. HUKLOCK—President	
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O come in the power of Thy life-giving word, And remain to make how the Padagement and Load	
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Till faith bring the perce to the penitent given, And love fill the air with the fragrance of heaven. RAYMOND D. SCHEETZ	10 A.
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FRANK P. CARR, JR.	
Scripture Lesson-Rev. John Earl Jackman, Springfield Presbyterian Church.	1.0
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Address—"What Has Been Given to Springfield Architecturally in the Building Ladies' Aid Society	2
of This Edifice"-Henry H. Dean, Esq., architect of our structure. MRS. CHARLES W. BROOKS-President	· ·
Announcement and Acceptance of Memorial Gifts—Pastor. MRS. G. F. URTZ—Tradiurt MRS. G. F. URTZ—Traduurt	
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Church. MRS. DAVID BACHER—Secretary	
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JOHN J. ROBERTO-Treasurer	
Doxology	
Benediction	
Building Committee	
Organ Postlude''Festal March,'' Chart. WARREN CARTERChairman	4
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again thank the people of Springfield for the splendid spirit and co-	
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In 1928, Rev. Gentry resigned to form an undenominational church in Springfield. About half the membership left at that time. **Rev. Herbert Howells** (1928) served as interim pastor until conference time.



First parsonage (11 Saxer Ave.) demolished to build Epworth

**Rev. Clinton M. Cherry** was appointed as the first fully ordained pastor and served from 1928 through 1932. The marked decrease in the congregation, the expense of a



parsonage, and the financial depression of the nation made the period from 1928 to 1941 a period of struggle.

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CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, December 22, 1929

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10 o'clock

### MORNING WORSHIP, 11 o'clock

Prelude

Hymn, 111, followed by Apostles' Creed Invocation and Lord's Prayer Junior Choir, "The King of Kings".....Sutherland Responsive Reading, 1st Special Reading (Christmas) Offering and Offertory Anthem, "Bethlehem".....Homer N. Barlett Junior Sermon Scripture Reading, Luke 2:1-20 Hymn, 112 Sermon, "The Christ-Child"......The Minister Hymn, 114

Benediction and Doxology

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY, 7 o'clock

EVENING WORSHIP, 8 o\*clock

Prelude Processional with Candles ("Silent Night")-The Choir Hymn, 107, "Joy to the World" (2nd tune) Cantata, "The Story of Christmas" (see inside pages) Benediction and Doxology

THE CPOIR Contralto Tenor Soprano Rebecca Calder A.D.Conover Cora Carlisle Eva Grandhomme John Emminger Myra Furman Stella Roberts John Roberts Grace Gildner Walter Thomas May McCullough Evelyn Thomas Stella Scheetz Baritone George Beitzel Raymond Scheetz Katharyn Simms Roger Cotton Russell Spruance Elfrieda Tozer \*\*\*\*\*\*\* Director: Elizabeth Jones Price Organist: Horace K. Price Pianist: Pauline Rogers Hendrickson

**Rev. Clinton M. Cherry** (1928-1932) was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Drew University and received his Master of Theology Degree in 1934.

The choir was in full swing by 1929 as they sang a cantata "The Story of Christmas" by H. Alexander Matthews at the evening worship service.

On Christmas morning at 6 a.m. a service was held and the "morning star" was lighted. The ladies quartet – Mrs. Sheetz, Mrs. Tozer, Mrs. Grandhommie and Mrs. Calder – sang "O Holy Night" by Adams and "Adore and Be Still" by Gounod. The pastor spoke briefly on "Why I am glad This is Christmas."



Rev. Cherry

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# 1929 CHURCH ROSTER With Dates of Meetings The Sunday School—George B. Beitzel, superintendent; T. Jeddson Myers, Jr., sec-retary; John G. Roberts, treasurer; Mrs. John B. McCullough, superintendent, Beginners' Department; Mrs. L. W. Reeps, superintendent, Primary Department; Warren Carter, Women's Bible Class; the Pastor, Men's Bible Class. Sunday School Board, including teachers, fourth Monday, 8 P. M., of February, April, June, October and December. The Ladies' Aid-Mrs. Warren Carter, president; Mrs. John B. McCullough, vice-president; Mrs. C. O. Neuhaus, recording secretary; Mrs. W. A. Davis, corre-sponding secretary; Mrs. C. F. Churchman, financial secretary; Mrs. T. S. Hurlock, treasurer. Third Thursday, 2.30 P. M. The Men's League—Read Rocap, president; J. B. Weiler, vice-president; C. H. Walters, secretary; George Bryan, financial secretary; T. W. Hickman, treasurer; C. E. Grandhomme, W. F. Jennings and A. S. Tozer, executive committee. Third Monday, 8 P. M. Senior Choir-Horace K. Price, organist; Mrs. Horace K. Price, director; Mrs. R. D. Scheetz, president; Mr. George B. Beitzel, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. H. H. Gildner, chairman, Social Committee. Every Thursday at 8 P. M. Junior Choir-Mrs. George B. Beitzel and Mrs. William F. Jennings, directors. Every Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Young People's Society-Thompson Richardson, president; J. Pryce Templin, Jr., vice-president; William M. Hickman, secretary; Mary Carter, treasurer. Trustees-Thomas S. Hurlock, president; George B. Beitzel, Charles W. Brooks, J. W. Calder, Warren Carter, A. D. Conover, Ralph F. Matthews, John B. McCullough and Franklin H. Smith. Stewards—T. J. Myers, Jr., recording steward; Mrs. H. H. Gildner, communion steward; Mrs. T. S. Hurlock, district steward; Mrs. J. B. McCullough, reserve district steward; F. H. Smith, director of social and recreational life; George B. Beitzel, C. W. Braunsdorf, Mrs. C. W. Brooks, Mrs. J. W. Calder, Mrs. Warren Carter, Mr. Frank J. Furman, Mrs. F. J. Furman, M. A. Hansen, T. W. Hick-man, Joseph Hunter, Mrs. G. F. Kurtz, Mrs. R. F. Matthews, Mrs. T. J. Myers, Jr., Dr. C. O. Neuhaus, Mrs. L. W. Reeps, R. D. Scheetz, Mrs. R. D. Scheetz, J. H. Spangenberg, W. S. Thomas and Mrs. J. B. Weiler. Official Board—The Pastor, chairman ex officio; John B. McCullough, vice-chairman; T. Jeddson Myers, Jr., secretary; Charles W. Brooks, treasurer; J. W. Calder, financial secretary; all trustees, all stewards, all officers and heads of organizations in the church. Fourth Monday, 8 P. M., of January, March, May, September

During a Children's Day Service on Sunday, June 14, 1931, Rev. Cherry baptized long standing and current Covenant member, Anna (Nancy) Margaret Beitzel Hall.

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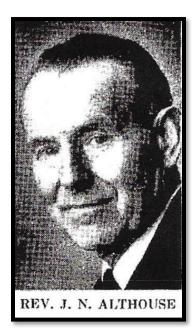
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The next pastor to follow Rev. Cherry was **Rev. John N. Althouse** (1932-1937). He was a 1927 graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and a 1930 graduate of Drew Theological Seminary. He went on earn a master's degree in 1939 from Crozer Theological Seminary.



From the Delaware County Times, February 15, 1937......" Rev. Althouse was the recipient of the "Good Scout" award, a Scout-statuette awarded annually by Troop No. 2 to the citizen of Springfield who has done the most for scouting during the past year and whose life exemplifies the Scout oath and laws."

#### CERTIFICATE OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

THIS CERTIFIES that Rola Weaver Lebb having, in the presence of God and the public congregation, renewed the solemn promise contained in the baptismal covenant, professed Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, accepted the Christian Faith as contained in the New Testament, and expressed willingness to be loyal to the Church in prayer, presence, gifts and service, has this day been duly received into full connection with the Springfield Community Methodist Episcopal Church at Springfield, Delaware County, Pa. according to the form of the Discipline.

John M. althouse Pastor Philadelphia Conference This 11 th day of June A.D. 1933

From the Delaware County Times, April 11, 1935.....

# SPRINGFIELD

The Rev. John Althouse, chairman of the local Emergency Relief Committee, urges all those unemployed persons who desire to cultivate community gardens this year to apply to him or John Calder, township secretary, for seeds, for fertilizer and allotment of ground for this purpose. The seed and fertilizer are to be supplied by the state, which also will pay for the plowing of gardens. The plots will be furnished by the township.

In addition to this aid Rev. Althouse announces that he has about 75 packets of seed for distribution among those who are not unemployed but desire to cultivate gardens of their own. These seeds may be obtained from Mr. Calder.

The congregation regretfully said "goodbye" to Rev. Althouse as he took an active part in community affairs, helped organize the Cub Pack and was successful in starting a Boy Scout Troop in the church during his five-year pastorate.



Rev. Herbert A. McKain

**Rev. Herbert A. McKain** (1937-1941) succeeded Rev. Althouse and preached his first sermon in March at the age of 27. He attended Lancaster Theological Seminary, then graduated from Drew Theological Seminary in 1936, the same year he was ordained. Shortly after his appointment to the Springfield Community Methodist Episcopal Church, he married Catharine D. Hostetter at the church on June 30, 1937.



Following in the footsteps of Rev. Althouse, he was active in the community as a Vice President of the Rotary Club, active in the work of the local Boy Scout organizations, and a member of the first board

Thomas E. Kraemer, Choir Director 1936-1960

of directors of the Springfield Recreation Association. By 1941 the church membership had grown to 252. In June of 1941 he was assigned to the Trainer Methodist Church for a short period of time as he was inducted into the service as a Chaplain. He served in the Army from 1942 until 1947.

In 1939, the church name was changed from the Springfield Community Methodist Episcopal Church to *Springfield Community Methodist Church*.



Tom Thumb Wedding 1939

1<sup>st</sup> Row: Sally Nessan, Joyce ford, Barbara Rocap (Bride), Nancy Beitzel, Sally Slipf(?), Tom Kraemer (Preacher). 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Marilyn Shead, Spike Beitzel (Groom), Jack Keyes, Betty Jane Swift.



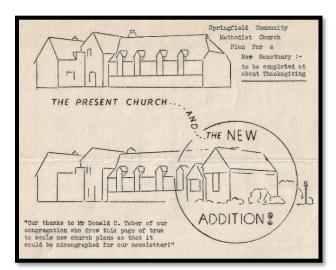
Rev. John A. "Jack" McElroy (1941-1947) was a graduate of Dickinson College and Drew Theological Seminary. He held a Master's Degree in Sacred Theology from Temple University and was awarded a Doctor of Divinity Degree in 1951.

During the pastorate of Rev. McElroy great strides forward were made during the war years: a new parsonage was purchased (104 Forest Road), the debt on the church was entirely liquidated, and a second building project was underway to enlarge the meeting room to increase the seating capacity by 50 persons.

A "Special Choir Service" was held on Sunday, May 27, 1945 at the 11 o'clock service, a tradition that continues today.

<pre>SUNDAY MAY 27th, 11 A.M. 1945 Special Choir Service Organ Prelude "Idyll" -strauss Forcessional Hymm "A Memorial Day Hymn from the Civil War" <u>'boole stand and join in singing at Pad Stanze</u> A Memorial Day Hymn from the Civil War" <u>'boole stand and join in singing at Pad Stanze</u> A.Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; Hs trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; Hs thu lossed the fateful lighting of his terrible swift sword; Hs truth is marching on. Afrain: Clory! glory! Hallelujah! Glory! glory! Hallelujah! Tory! glory! Hallelujah! Hs truth is marching on. Afrada: Clory! glory! Hallelujah! Glory! glory! Hallelujah! Hs truth is marching on. Afrada: Clory! glory! Hallelujah! Glory! glory! Hallelujah! Hs truth is marching on. Afrada: Clory! glory! Hallelujah! Glory! glory! Hallelujah! Hs truth is marching on. Afrada: Clory! glory! Hallelujah! Hs dud de circling cemps; The dud de circling cemps; Hs day is marching on. Afrada: Stratching on. Affrain. Afrada: Stratching on. Refrain. Afrads vias born ac ross the sea. Whe duin and floring lamps; Be did to make men free. Mine God is marching on. <u>Refrain.</u> Affing out the hearts of me. Defore his 'udgment seat; Be shill nover call retreat; Hs did to make men free. Mod is marching on. <u>Refrain.</u> Affing out the hearts of me. Defore his 'udgment seat; Be shill nover call retreat; Mathen of the Mighty God Hath Speken" Conse Cord Is marching on. <u>Refrain.</u> Antom "The Mighty God Hath Speken" Conse Cord. Factri Mathen affict was born ac ross wing in the highest, while on earth poace is proclaimed to mon of con winderrent that cood will to us an to.</pre>	<text></text>
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everlasting peace, through Josus Christ our Lord, -Amon.	Our sincerest thanks to the choir whose ministry of music for this season closes this Sunday morning!

While still carrying on the campaign to "Free Our Church" of debt, the congregation pledged to raise additional moneys needed to complete the new church without debt. With generous donations of three Methodist Mission Boards and the generosity of the congregation, this pledge was kept and the church was free of debt. The "New Church" was dedicated on February 17, 1946. At the end of Rev. McElroy's tenure, 704 members were reported to the Annual Conference.





To be continued.... the next 25 years (1947-1972)